

Statement from Trumbull First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst on the passing of Board of Finance Chairman William Crooks - February 9, 2011

"Today, the Town of Trumbull has lost a leader, statesman, and a true pillar of our community. I have lost a very dear friend. Words cannot describe the sorrow that is felt by so many to learn of the passing of William Crooks.

My family joins me in offering our sincere condolences to the Crooks family, most especially Bill's wife Dolores, his three beautiful daughters, their husbands and five wonderful grandchildren.

Bill Crooks was a man who wore the Town of Trumbull on his sleeve. For thirty-six and a half years, Bill served the Town's public school system as its Business Administrator, serving five school superintendents.

Bill was a loyal supporter of Trumbull High School sports programs. He was also proud alumni of the University of Michigan.

In 2002 when Bill retired from his position from the Trumbull public school system, he still found ways to give back to the community he loved. Bill was twice elected to terms on the Trumbull Board of Finance and twice elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman.

I valued Bill's intellect, his knowledge and his counsel. He was a trusted advisor and a very close friend. I ask all Trumbullites to join with me in honoring the legacy of William Crooks, and offer our thoughts and prayers to the entire Crooks family."

- First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst